The Co-operative Department has not been as successful, as desirable in this State, not because the soil is unsuited or because of any inherent defects in the principles of co-operation but on account of the absence of adequate response and co operation on the part of the public and the absence of a larger number of selfless workers. It will be the endeavour, the duty and the ambition of the Department to show better results next year. The criticisms made by the chair contained also an appeal to the public, and the movement is not one for sceptics and coffers.

President: Next, the Uplift of Backward Communities. Do you want to say anything, Mr. Puduval.

Mr. R. Vasudeva Puduval (*Protector of Depressed Classes*): None, Sir.

The question that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,94,806 under Demand XX—Agriculture, a sum of Rs. 1,00,547 under Demand XXI—Industries, including Rubber Factory, a sum of Rs. 1,08,276 under Demand XXII—Co-operative Department, and a sum of Rs. 62,238 under Demand XXIII—Uplift of Backward Communities, was put to vote and carried.

The demands were granted.

Mr. James Fletcher (*Kalkulam and Vilavankode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Sir, I propose that Demands XXIV, XXV and XXVI may be taken together.

The motion was put and carried.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL.

Dr. S. John: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 13,05,395 under Demand XXIV—Medical.

DEMAND XXV—AYURVEDA.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,07,495 under Demand XXV—Ayurveda.

DEMAND XXVI—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 3,43,705 under Demand XXIV—Public Health and Sanitation.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, I have just to say a few words about Ayurveda. We have got very great respect for the Allopathic system of medicine. But my submission is that in spite of the English or Western system of medicine, the ordinary man has great faith in the Eastern system of medicine. An ordinary villager goes first to a Siddha Physician or the Ayurveda Physician.

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Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: What is the difference between the Ayurveda system and the Siddh system? I do not know what the Siddha system means.

President: The elucidation of that matter will take us far afield. The Siddha system is a particular system which has been developed in the Tamil countries and is largely dependant upon *basmams* and metalic powder and also of specific ingredients which are supposed to be very forcible. The honourable member Mr. Fletcher is an authority on it.

Mr. James Fletcher: To improve the system of medicine and teach the same, a Sanghom has been formed in South Travancore known as the All-Travancore Siddha Sanghom. That Sanghom is trying to bring out the ancient records and publish them. One of the defects of that system was that the experts of that system kept the special knowledge they possessed as a secret in their own minds and did not teach the knowledge even to their children or desciples. Thus, many a specific medicine has been lost. Now the Sanghom is trying to bring those things to the public by printing and publishing them. They are also teaching the science to the students.

President: What is the honourable member's special proposal?

Mr. James Fletcher: My proposal is that whenever the Government provide funds, for medical department it may be stated as for Ayurveda and Siddha so that the Siddha system may also get a share of the amount allotted.

President: I think the honourable member might wait until we come to the Medical Practitioners' Bill. There we have included the Munchira school in the schedule to represent that system of medicine. I dare say that if publications are circulated to the people at large they will come to realise the advantage of that system and as a result of that people may undergo the Siddha system of treatment and get benefit from it.

Mr. James Fletcher: I want a specific grant for the Siddha system.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Is it for the publication of these books?

President: There is a school also.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, I want to say a word. I would not have spoken but for the enthusiasm of my honourable friend. I have got very great faith in the system advocated by my friend. But I love my countrymen and I want them to avoid operating very extensively the mutilated methods of the Siddha system. I wish to guard myself against that.

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President: I do not think further debate is necessary. If for the Siddha hospital, the Siddha school or the Siddha publication, the Sanghom or the Committee approaches Government for a grant, they will go into the activities connected with it and get them examined by experts. If they recommend, Government will be only too glad to give them any help. If there are a large number of people undergoing a special system of treatment why should Government stand in their way provided there is no harm in it.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I want to guard the Government against it because at the time of the Finance Committee a number of pamphlets about the activities of this system of medicine have been sent to the members as if we were allotting funds for these things. I understand that the Dewan has visited the school conducted on this system of medicine. Secondly I request the honourable members of this House to guard themselves against the influence of the propagandists of this system of medicine. They are sure to issue certificates of efficiency in these things and try to pass those certificates as certificates of a College.

President: I may inform the honourable members of the House that unless Government enquire into the proper working of these schools and are satisfied that these institutions are doing useful work Government will be against giving any grant. If they are satisfied about the useful activities of these institutions they will be most ready to consider the question of grants.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 13,05,995 under Demand XXIV—Medical, Rs. 1,07,495 under Demand XXV—Ayurveda, and Rs. 3,43,705 under Demand XXVI —Public Health and Sanitation were put and carried.

The Demands were passed and the grants were made.

DEMANDS XXVII TO XXXVII.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 7,550 under Demand XXVII—State Charities, Rs. 7,000 under Demand XXVIII—Currency and Mint, Rs. 4,65,958 under Demand XXIX Stationery and Printing, Rs. 1,67,694 under Demand XXX—Miscellaneous Departments, Rs. 1,69,469 under Demand XXXI—Miscellaneous charges, Rs. 4,94,891 under Demand XXXII—Anchal Department, Rs. 2,000 under Demand XXXIII—Loans—Industrial Loans, Rs. 1,10,000 under Demand XXXIV—Other Loans and Advances, Rs. 1,20,400 under Demand XXXV—Debt Heads —Advances, Rs. 5,50,000 under Demand XXXVI—Debt Heads —Coinage Account, and Rs. 1,00,000 under Demand XXXVII— Contribution to Distress Relief Fund were put and carried.

The Demands were passed and the grants were made.

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